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1. SUMMARY: AUGUST VACATION PERIOD, AND WHO KNOWS WHAT ELSE, HAVE PREVENTED SPATARU OR DIACONESCU FROM MEETING PERSONALLY WITH EMBOFFS. THIS MORNING MANDESCU CONFIRMED THAT GOR REQUESTS REVISED PROPOSAL FROM COLLINS BASED ON 707-320C AIRCRAFT. SPATARU AND DIACONESCU MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSION LATER THIS WEEK. ASSUME COLLINS WILL WANT TO POSTPONE DATE OF PROPOSED DELEGATION VISIT. NO WORD FROM GOR ON E-SYSTEMS PROPOSAL. END SUMMARY

2. EMBASSY RECEIVED FORMAL BUT AMBIGUOUS LETTER FROM MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AUGUST 9 (FULL TEXT POUCHED TO GANLEY) WHICH READS IN PART:

QUOTE THE ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES INTERESTED IN THE COMPLETION OF THIS PROJECT WILL STUDY THE DOCUMENTATION CAREFULLY WITH THE VIEW OF SUBSEQUENTLY INVITING COLLINS' REPRESENTATIVES TO BUCHAREST TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS. AT THE SAME TIME, THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR REQUESTS THE EMBASSY TO TRANSMIT TO THE FIRM, IN ADDITION TO OUR THANKS FOR THE PUNCTUALITY OF THEIR OFFER, A REQUEST TO DESIGN A NEW VERSION (OF THE PROPOSAL) APPROPRIATE TO THE ACQUISITION OF A PRESIDENTIAL AIRCRAFT BY THE ROMANIAN STATE FROM BOEING IN CONFORMITY WITH DISCUSSIONS CARRIED OUT BETWEEN ROMANIAN

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SPECIALISTS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF COLLINS IN THE SPRING

OF THIS YEAR. UNQUOTE

3. IN EFFORT TO CLARIFY MINISTRY'S LETTER WE HAVE PURSUED EXPLANATION FROM MANDESCU OVER PAST WEEK. ONLY THIS MORNING DID HE CONFIRM THAT DIACONESCU HAD WRITTEN THE LETTER, GHAT GOR IN EFFECT HAD DECLINED COLLINS' JULY 9 OFFER, AND THAT ROMANIANS HAD SETTLED ON INSTALLING THE SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT IN NEW 707-320C AIRCRAFT. THE SAID THAT BOEING 727-200 OPTION HAD BEEN REJECTED. SPATARU AND DIACONESCU PROBABLY WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH EMBOFFS LATER THIS WEEK.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY REQUESTS GANLEY DETERMINE HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE FOR COLLINS TO PROVIDE NEW PROPOSAL, AND WHAT WOULD BE MOST CONVENIENT ALTERNATIVE DATES FOR DELEGATION VISIT TO BUCHAREST.
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